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For: METHOD FOR REMOVING WATER FROM SURFACES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-4, 6-7, and 9-11 as follows. A copy of the marked up
original claims is attached to this response showing the changes as set forth in
amended 37 CFR 1.121.

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether
component B) has number average molecular weight preferably in the range of 300-
650.

4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the radical R_f of
fluoropolyether type preferably comprises repeating units statistically distributed along

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the polymer chain selected from: (CF_2CF_2O) , $(CFYO)$ wherein Y is equal to F or CF_3 , (C_3F_6O) ; $(CF_2(CF_2)_zO)$ wherein z is an integer equal to 2 or 3; $(CF_2CF(OR_f)O)$, $(CF(OR_f)O)$ wherein R_f is equal to $-CF_3$, $-C_2F_5$, $-C_3F_7$; $CR_4R_5CF_2CF_2O$ wherein R_4 and R_5 are equal to or different from each other and selected between Cl or perfluoroalkyl, preferably having 1-4 carbon atoms.

6. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the value K^l is higher than 2.00 and preferably in the range of 2.00-3.00.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) preferably has the following structure:

$T' - O - R_f - T''$

wherein:

R_f has the above meaning;

T' and T'' , equal to or different, are selected from $-CF_3$, $-C_2F_5$, $-C_3F_7$.

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the amount of additive A) in the compositions is lower than or equal to 0.1% by weight, preferably lower than 0.05% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

10. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1.

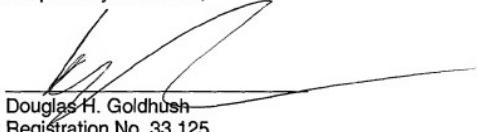
11. (Amended) Non ionic additive having a fluoropolyether structure according to claim 1.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3-4, 6-7, and 9-11 are amended to correct the multiple dependencies thereof and to place this application into better condition for examination. No new matter has been added.

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3. (Amended) A method according to [claims 1-2] claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) has number average molecular weight preferably in the range of 300-650.

4. (Amended) A method according to [claims 1-3] claim 1, wherein the radical R_f of fluoropolyether type preferably comprises repeating units statistically distributed along the polymer chain selected from: (CF₂CF₂O), (CFYO) wherein Y is equal to F or CF₃, (C₃F₆O); (CF₂(CF₂)_zO) wherein z is an integer equal to 2 or 3; (CF₂CF(OR_f)O), (CF(OR_f)O) wherein R_f is equal to -CF₃, -C₂F₅, -C₃F₇; CR₄R₅CF₂CF₂O wherein R₄ and R₅ are equal to or different from each other and selected between Cl or perfluoroalkyl, preferably having 1-4 carbon atoms.

6. (Amended) A method according to [claims 1-5] claim 1, wherein the value K' is higher than 2.00 and preferably in the range of 2.00-3.00.

7. (Amended) A method according to [claims 1-6] claim 1, wherein the perfluoropolyether component B) preferably has the following structure:

T' - O - R_f - T"

wherein:

R_f has the above meaning;

T' and T", equal to or different, are selected from -CF₃, -C₂F₅, -C₃F₇.

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9. (Amended) A method according to [claims 1-8] claim 1, wherein the amount of additive A) in the compositions is lower than or equal to 0.1% by weight, preferably lower than 0.05% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

10. (Amended) A composition according to [claims 1-9] claim 1.

11. (Amended) Non ionic additive having a fluoropolyether structure according to [claims 1-9] claim 1.